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**Plague on steamship Nippon Maru.*YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *June 8, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that, upon the Japanese steamship *Nippon Maru*, during her voyage between Hongkong and Yokohama, en route for San Francisco, a death occurred under the circumstances stated below, in consequence of which the ship was quarantined for seven days at the Government Quarantine Station at Nagasaki.

At 6 p. m., May 26, the sudden death of a Chinese passenger, a boy of 13 to 14 years of age, was reported to the ship's surgeon. The steamer at the time was just leaving the harbor of Nagasaki. Investigation showed the probable duration of the fatal attack to have been from half an hour to an hour, and the ship's surgeon had seen the boy in apparent health but an hour or two previously. No unusual or suspicious appearances were evident upon superficial examination, and the glands were, apparently, normal. The friends of the deceased gave a history of previous severe attacks of a character suggesting cardiac disease. The medical officers of the quarantine station removed from each axilla a gland, from the examination of which they, at noon on the 27th, rendered a diagnosis of plague. The body was cremated.

Disinfection of ship, steerage passengers and crew was carried out on the 27th, the crew and passengers being bathed, their clothing, bedding, and baggage disinfected by steam, and the ship's quarters washed with strong carbolic acid. Disinfection was completed at 10 p. m., May 27, and the ship released June 3, at 2 p. m. I have some doubt as to this case having been of an infectious nature, but, whether so or not, the measures taken seem to have been such as to render any special precautions here unnecessary. A copy of this letter has been attached to the bills of health.

Very respectfully,

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HAWAII.

*Report of plague on the steamship Nippon Maru.*HONOLULU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, *June 18, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the Japanese steamship *Nippon Maru*, from Hongkong and Japanese ports for San Francisco via this port, arrived early yesterday morning (June 17), eight and a half days from Yokohama. The ship had been detained at Nagasaki, Japan, for seven days from May 26, and the vessel and effects of passengers disinfected on account of a sudden death on board on May 26 in the Asiatic steerage, which the Japanese quarantine authorities diagnosed as bubonic plague. The vessel left Nagasaki about June 2, and Yokohama June 8, arriving here on the 17th. Nothing further occurred until three days out from this port (June 14), when another death took place in the Asiatic steerage, a Chinese male, 26 years of age, dying in twenty-two hours with convulsions, suppression of urine, and symptoms of pulmonic congestion. The death was attributed to uræmic convulsions by the ship's

* For further report on this matter see Hawaii.